

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 5, 2013

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:30 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present

Monsignor William A. Genuario, **Acting Chair**

Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey

Carl Eisenmann, Esq.

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender

Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources

Joseph G. Bruckmann, Public Defender

Fairfield Judicial District

Leslie K. Cavanagh, Public Defender

Waterbury Judicial District

Ellen F. Knight, Chief Investigator

Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the attorney reappointments.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Hilary Carpenter, Habeas Corpus Services, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill, expiring on 2/6/17; Assistant Public Defender, Charity Hemingway, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester), expiring on 2/6/17; Assistant Public Defender, Jennifer Melon, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 2/6/17; and Chief of Psychiatric Defense Services, Monte Radler, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown, expiring on 2/28/17.

There were no permanent statuses to discuss at this meeting.

The Chief Public Defender briefly discussed the Division's Annual Report.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to release the Division's Annual Report.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:34 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 4:45 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Bradford Buchta to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Fairfield Judicial District. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 4:47 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Stephen "Tony" Smith to the position of Investigator III, Waterbury Judicial District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Madeline Franco to the position of Social Worker I, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:07 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(E) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:20 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. Commission member, Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza abstained from the vote in the matter of James Mitchell vs. Warden.

The Chief Public Defender briefly discussed the Division's budget.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender